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SUBJECT: W/W JOHN SULLIVAN

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. ON NOVEMBER 9, [redacted] CAME TO THE EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT SHE KNOWS WHERE JOHN SULLIVAN IS BURIED. [redacted] SAYS THAT ON [redacted] AT LA BERMEJA, THE CEMETERY FOR THE POOR USE. [redacted] SHE NOTICED A YELLOW TRUCK PASS BY WITH TWO BODIES IN BACK. SHE SAYS SHE NOTICED THEM BECAUSE ONE OF THE BODIES WAS A LIGHT-SKINNED, TALL, YOUNG MAN, WITH LIGHT-BROWN HAIR AND A BEARD, DRESSED IN BLUE JEANS AND A LONG-SLEEVED PLAID SHIRT, WITHOUT SHOES. THE OTHER BODY WAS THAT OF A MUCH SMALLER SALVADORAN. BOTH MEN WERE COVERED WITH BLOOD IN BACK AND [redacted] ASSUMES THEY WERE SHOT. TWO MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES GOT OUT OF THE TRUCK AND PUT THE BODIES INTO A GRAVE THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DUG, AND THEN BURIED THEM.

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3. YESTERDAY CONOFF ACCOMPANIED [redacted] TO LA BERMEJA. THE PLACE SHE CLAIMS SULLIVAN AND THE SALVADORAN ARE BURIED IS NOW AN UNMARKED GRASS-COVERED MOUND ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE FEET LONG. AT THE TIME OF THE BURIAL, [redacted] SAYS, THAT SECTION OF THE CEMETERY WAS EMPTY (I.E. NO GRAVES), BUT NOW THERE ARE MARKED GRAVES IN THE AREA. THE MOUND IS TO THE RIGHT OF PLOT NO. 628, AND IS RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF THE DIRT ROAD THAT WINDS THROUGH THE CEMETERY.

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4. [redacted] SHE SAYS SHE WAITED THIS LONG TO CONTACT US BECAUSE WHEN SHE FIRST SAW SULLIVAN'S PICTURE IN THE AD IN THE PAPER, SHE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHERE SHE HAD SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE, UNTIL NOW. SHE SAYS SHE HAS NO INTEREST IN A REWARD AND ONLY WANTS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

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5. WE'VE CONTACTED THE CEMETERY DIRECTOR'S OFFICE TO SEE IF THEIR RECORDS INDICATE WHO IS BURIED THERE AND ARE AWAITING THEIR REPLY. ONCE WE HAVE EXAMINED CEMETERY RECORDS WE WILL SEEK EXHUMATION OR DIGGING UP OF THE EARTH WHERE THE BODIES ARE ALLEGED TO BE BURIED, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PURSUE THIS LATEST OF MANY LEADES IN THE SULLIVAN CASE.
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